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MHPA Statement on Final Passage of Bipartisan Omnibus Appropriations Bill

Washington, DC, March 11, 2022 - Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA), the only association solely representing Medicaid managed care organizations (MCOs), released the following statement on final passage of a bipartisan 2022 omnibus spending package in Congress. Passed in the House on Wednesday evening and approved by the Senate on Thursday night, the package includes a temporary extension of higher Medicaid reimbursements for Puerto Rico and other U.S. territories, an MHPA legislative priority.

Last month, [MHPA sent a letter](#) to Senate and House leaders urging Congress to prioritize policy proposals that protect and improve Medicaid for vulnerable populations. MHPA was also joined by several other health care organizations in [requesting that Congress provide 120 days' prior notice](#) to a wind down of the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage and continuous eligibility/Maintenance of Effort (MOE) provisions included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act.

“MHPA is pleased that Congress was able to come together in a bipartisan, bicameral fashion to pass legislation that provides stability for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2022. While important, yesterday’s passage is only the first step toward ensuring permanent and sustainable Medicaid financing for Puerto Rico and the U.S. territories and Congress will have to revisit the issue later this year. There also remains substantial anxiety around the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE) as it relates to the unwinding of the enhanced FMAP and MOE provisions included in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which included significant safeguards to protect Medicaid beneficiaries during the COVID-19 pandemic. MHPA looks forward to working with Congress to ensure the 80 million people in America that rely on Medicaid have continued access to high quality coverage. We remain committed to advancing our other priorities, including 12-month continuous coverage for moms on Medicaid, providing Medicaid coverage to eligible justice-involved individuals 30 days prior to release, permanently authorizing CHIP, and providing one year of continuous eligibility for children covered by Medicaid and CHIP.”



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Founded in 1995, the Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA) represents the interests of the Medicaid managed care industry through advocacy and research to support innovative policy solutions that enhance the delivery of comprehensive, cost-effective, and quality health care for Medicaid enrollees. MHPA works on behalf of its 130+ member health plans, known as managed care organizations (MCOs), which serve nearly 43 million Medicaid enrollees in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. MHPA's members include both for-profit and non-profit, national and regional, as well as single-state health plans that compete in the Medicaid market. www.medicaidplans.org